

II. REMARKS

New claims 18-23 have been added and find support throughout the specification as filed, for example on page 3, lines 24-30. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested. These amendments obviate all previous rejections. Applicants note that these amendments are made solely to advance prosecution and are not in any intended as an acknowledgment that the Examiner's position in the parent case was correct.

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1-17. Canceled.

18. (New) A method for producing a heterologous polypeptide comprising

- (a) introducing a DNA sequence coding for a fusion polypeptide comprising the heterologous polypeptide and superoxide dismutase into a host cell;
- (b) culturing the host cell under conditions such that the fusion polypeptide is expressed; and
- (c) isolating the fusion polypeptide from the host cell.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the host cell is a prokaryotic cell.

20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the prokaryotic host cell is *E. coli*.

21. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the prokaryotic host cell is *B. subtilis*.

22. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the heterologous polypeptide is a mammalian polypeptide.

23. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the heterologous polypeptide is a mammalian polypeptide.